

BOB HOPE TAKES PORTERVILLE GREETINGS TO VIETNAM

PORTERVILLE'S GIANT Christmas greeting card - seven by 24 feet - with 10,500 signatures, is on its way to "our fighting men in Vietnam," thanks to Bob Hope ... Photos show some of the action prior to takeoff from the Los Angeles International airport, Saturday morning, from top left: Hope, with Ann-Margret, Les Brown, and Linda Bennett, signing card ... (Puzzle - find Loren Schmid and where are Howard Smith and Mayor Marty Martin?) ... Penelope Plummer - she's the reigning Miss World - and

"Rosie" Greer, all-time great L. A. Ram football player, also sign (they're both travelling with Hope) ... Smith puts the rolled greeting card aboard ... Capt. Leland B. Cornell, commanding officer, Lemoore Air station, who flew in with an honor guard for the greeting card; with him are Schmid, Martin and Smith ... Members of the Hope troupe sign greeting card (as did many people at the airport) ... Hope and members of his troupe "ham it up" a bit for entertainment of the sizeable crowd that was on

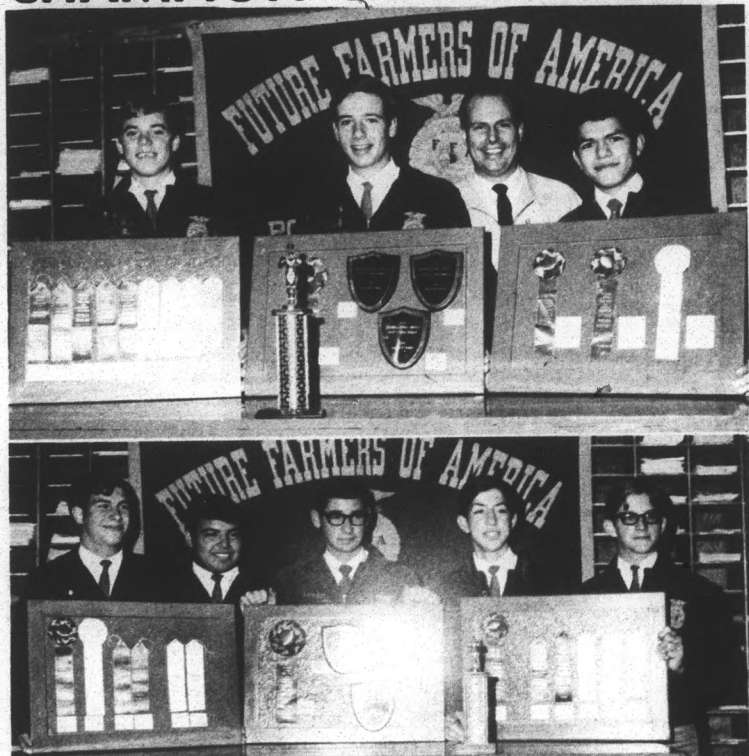
hand to see them off ... That's Ann-Margret, Brown, and Greer, on stage with Hope ... Santa Claus - retired Air Force General and USO President Emmett O'Donnell, show Hope the direction to go ... Hope finally makes it through the crowd to the door of his military airlift command plane that will take him and his troupe on his 18th annual overseas Christmas tour to entertain American military personnel in Vietnam. (Farm Tribune photos ... There's more on page 4.)



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CHAMPION CITRUS JUDGES



CITRUS JUDGING teams from Porterville and Monache high schools dominated the Future Farmer contest held over the past weekend at Fresno State college, both the A and B teams winning top honors. Members of the A team, from Porterville high school, top photo from left, are: Alan Cranmore, Rick Hudson, and Ronnie Ramos -

that smiling fellow second from right is Coach Rod Homer. In lower photo, from left: Bill Martin, Porterville high, top judge in the contest, and Ruben Silva, also Porterville high, third individual in contest, then, members of the B team from Monache high - Dale Noble, Craig Nieblas, and Bob Benson. (Farm Tribune photos)

PORTERVILLE FAIR BOARD MEETS TONIGHT

PORTERVILLE - Directors of the Porterville fair will meet tonight at 7 o'clock in the Southern California Edison company auditorium to start planning for the twenty-second annual fair and livestock show that will be staged in May, 1969.

Directors will also take a concerned look at preliminary audit report, prepared by Bob Board, fair board secretary, which shows that although the fair took in a total of nearly \$18,000 in 1968, the operation showed a loss of nearly \$1,500.

And dates for the 1969 fair will be definitely pinned down. Although the fair is traditionally held at end of the third week in May, the month has five weekends next year, which allows the possibility of going to the fourth week.

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FFA Citrus Judging Teams Win At Fresno

PORTERVILLE - FFA Citrus Judging teams and individuals from both Porterville and Monache campuses again won top honors at the eighth annual Fresno State College Citrus Judging contest held last Saturday.

With 14 high schools from the San Joaquin valley in competition, the Porterville

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Ed Valliere New Manager

PORTERVILLE - Ed. Valliere, 30, has been named by the Porterville city council as the new manager for the city of Porterville, succeeding Roy Pederson who resigned to accept the city administrator job at Montebello. Valliere, who is married and has four children, has been assistant city manager at Bakersfield for about five years. He holds a B.A. in political science from UCLA.



CONCERT MASTER OF BACH QUINTET WILL BE HONORED AT MOUNTAIN LION

PORTERVILLE - A gathering of saddle bums and patrons of culture as has seldom been seen along the Emigrant trail is in the offing at the Mountain Lion saloon the evening of Friday, December 27, when tribute will be paid to one Roy Pederson prior to his hitting the saddle and disappearing into the southern sunset, or possibly sunrise.

Too much cannot be said, even if someone wanted to, about Mr. Pederson's fine contribution toward uplift of the community through his dedicated work as concert master of the M.L.S. Bach Quintet, and his magnificent and intricate musical accomplishments that have brought joy to

the ears of music lovers in any one of his many appearances on the stage of the Mountain Lion.

Generous to a fault with his talents, but only his talents, Mr.

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ROY PEDERSON

Editorial Comment

POLITICAL AND REALISTIC POINTS OF VIEW ON VIETNAM

Politician Edward M. Kennedy Democrat senator from Massachusetts, received an honorary law degree this week at the University of Santa Clara.

He used the occasion to talk about Vietnam.

Newsman William Touhy, head of the L.A. Times news bureau in Saigon for nearly four years, was this week transferred to another part of the world.

He wrote his "farewell thoughts on Vietnam."

Kennedy, the politician, possibly pitching for future votes, credited "brave young Americans" with winning support for their views on the Vietnam war.

"A year ago, he said, "it was believed there was no alternative to pursuit and escalation of the war in Vietnam. Today we find ourselves in Paris; bombing stopped; the fighting waned; and negotiations begun. The faith of those who worked for change in our diplomatic and military policies has been vindicated."

So says the politician - words that many people want to hear, but words that most certainly are not accurate in fact nor in the image they create.

Touhy, the newsman who has covered the war for nearly four years, says about Vietnam, "All the important questions are tough, and the answers elusive and debatable. Nobody seems to have come up with the right answers - certainly not the experts like Robert S. McNamara, McGeorge Bundy, and Edward Lansdale. And so one is left only with impressions."

"Should we have tried to replace the French in South Vietnam to begin with? Probably not. But once the major commitment had been made, we should have had a clearer idea of what it all entailed. How curious that the best minds in the Kennedy and Johnson administrations - McNamara, Rusk, Bundy, Wheeler, Taylor, Rostow - could have so misjudged Hanoi's intentions, its determination to resist the United States and take over the south."

"And how remarkable that U.S. Vietnam-policy architects like McNamara and Bundy, having left the seats of power and responsibility, are now shifting their line on Vietnam, suggesting that the great and costly commitment isn't worth it after all."

"... There should be a special circle in hell reserved for those who make decisions to get us into messes and wait until they are out of government - and thereby impotent to act or decide - before changing their minds about their decisions."

"Should we attempt to exert our influence in this area? Certainly, if we expect to remain a major world power. Have not the events leading up to World War II in the Pacific and the Korean conflict taught us anything about the importance to us of this part of the world?"

"The Walter Lippmann thesis that American power can effectively be utilized in Asia from carriers offshore and from bases in Guam and Australia is nonsense. If anything has demonstrated the limitations of U.S. air power in limited wars, surely it is our experience in Vietnam."

"The brilliant premier of Singapore, Lee Kuan Yee ... who knows at least as much about Asia as Lippmann, said that America must play a necessary role in Vietnam to stabilize the rest of Southeast Asia."

"How are we doing in Vietnam? Not badly, but not well enough for the American people, who appear to be sick of the conflict and want to end it soon. Some of the most hard-headed veterans in Vietnam now believe that the war is shifting in favor of the allies - at the very time that American public opinion is turning sharply against a long-term effort. Everyone, of course, wants to end the war, but the real question remains - as in the past - on whose terms?"

"... Can the South Vietnamese army pull its weight against the enemy if American troops leave? Against the indigenous Viet Cong, probably, but not against the North Vietnamese regulars, particularly when they are able to refit and resupply at will from sanctuaries in Laos and Cambodia."

"If South Vietnam is to remain free from Hanoi's grip, U.S. troops and air power will have to stay as long as North Vietnamese forces are poised to strike into South Vietnam."

"How can the war be satisfactorily ended? This will be very difficult at best. Most Americans - even many charged with decision-making - have not really faced up to the fact that North Vietnam is an implacable foe which lusts after South Vietnam."

"Hanoi will not lightly let us, or Saigon, off the hook, once sensing that American opinion and leadership, like the French before, are eager to get out at any cost."

"There are some cogent reasons for getting out of Vietnam immediately, but if there were one imperative for hanging in, it is the fate of the two million or so South Vietnamese who believed in our commitment and chose to fight. It is almost unthinkable, and surely unforgivable, that a great nation should leave these helpless allies to the tender mercies of the North Vietnamese - if they were to take over the south with their 'blood debt lists in hand ..."

"If we pull out in disarray from Southeast Asia, what imperatives are there, really, to defend West Berlin, or Israel? Why should those young men in college, prone to burn draft cards, consider Berliners or Israelis any more worth fighting for than Vietnamese?"

"If we break our promises to the South Vietnamese, the question is not only whether our allies could continue to depend on us, but whether our domestic climate would have reached the point where we would any longer owe other nations any support."

"And, finally, would we be pulling out of Vietnam because it was the morally correct thing to do - or simply because the going got stickier than anyone expected? Do we pick only the easy fights?"

"One wonders whether some of the most strident opponents of the war - on moral grounds - would have been quite so passionate had President Johnson managed to wrap it up successfully in 1965 or 1966. It took a considerable time, after all, for such senators as Fulbright and McCarthy to decide the war was morally wrong."

"In the end, one sympathizes with the dilemma of U.S. Policymakers. They can't prove the huge U.S. effort in Vietnam will save South Vietnam or will have postponed or prevented a wider war, a world conflict, or nuclear devastation. Policy is judgement, and a future abstraction. But the nightly sights on 30 million

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USA today

By ROBERT M. SMALLEY

Vice President Spiro T. Agnew very well could turn out to be both a major surprise to the nation and a major asset to the Nixon Administration.

In a political sense, Agnew appeared to be the goat of the 1968 campaign, gaining instant fame of a sort with a few maladroit and unfortunate phrases which were exploited out of all proportion to the total context or importance of his candidacy.

But with that torturous experience behind him and an incomparable four year challenge ahead, Agnew now can turn to the more familiar business of being an administrator, an executive - and it is here that he is likely to excel beyond the wildest expectations of those who have suddenly begun to pray for the health of Richard Nixon.

Despite his campaign achievement of becoming a household word, several relevant factors about the new Vice President still are virtually unknown. First is the fact that in less than two years as Governor of Maryland he managed to reverse the state's rush toward fiscal disaster while at the same time, working with a legislature controlled overwhelmingly by political opponents, he achieved passage of some remarkably progressive aspects of his own legislative program.

In short, his skills in the area of Executive-Legislative relationship may astonish many who are ready to laugh.

Second is the fact that Agnew is a scrapper to a degree which belies his mild appearance and demeanor, and this, too, may surprise many potential foes and critics in Washington who think he will be the doormat of the new administration. His fighting resistance to the New York Times' editorial abuse was a clear case in point, as was his demand that all elements of leadership in Maryland exercise responsible citizenship following the Baltimore riots last April.

Also little recognized about Vice President Agnew, particularly in light of his campaign reputation, is the fact that he is extremely precise

THE ANSLEY HERALD, Custer County, Nebraska

Country Store Fellers Get Carried Away In Discussing Machines of the Future

UNCLE CLARENCE
... from CLEAR CREEK

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

Clem Webster reported to the fellers at the country store Saturday night that he had saw where one college now has the dial-a-coach service. You dial a number and git a conversation on the players and perdictions on how things was looking fer the next game. This was special good, Clem claimed the report said, fer newspaper writers that need a quick interview.

Ed Doolittle was mighty interested in Clem's report. He was of the opinion we would soon be using computers instead of coaches and it would cut down on ulcers, and heart trouble. A computer figgers the plays, a tape recorder talks to the players and sports writers, a student riot will be recorded and played back fer the cheering and the whole thing can be put on television without nobody doing nothing but the players.

Zeke Grubb said all this business of putting everthing on the automatic was giving him the cold sweats over politics and government. First thing, we'll git dial-a-President and have two different answers, depending on which party we git on the line, Democratic or Republican.

Ed butted in to say he had already saw where the Democrats has set up a self-service welfare

with his words, both written and spoken. Notwithstanding campaign phrases lifted out of context, he has an attorney's dedication to language - and his only problem in this respect really is one of candor. Always forthright, he is only beginning now to learn that in the hard world of politics it is sometimes wiser to say nothing.

Mr. Agnew is a quick learner, and his political skills in the national arena undoubtedly will improve. He seizes a challenge aggressively, works diligently and productively, has a warm humor and a strong rapport with middle class America.

As Vice President, undoubtedly he will do just fine - and those who know him well believe he could handle even a bigger job, if events ever demand it.

where you put in fer your own benefits and, he's expecting any day now they'll have a machine right on the spot to print the money so they won't be no waiting period.

Furthermore, claimed Ed, what we'll have in Washington is buildings full of computers and flashing lights and government running on the automatic. We'll have automatic tax collections and if we git upset because the tax is 101 per cent of the income, we can ring a dial-a-Congressman and git a 24 hour fillabuster on how we're spending billions helping all them pore foreign countries git on the automatic.

Bug Hookum claimed that afore long a feller can git picked up fer public drunk by one of them breath testing machines on wheels, can put \$20 in a mechanic judge box, be declared guilty and draw his sentence.

But Ed told the fellers he saw one advantage, that we'll git these political campaign on the automatic dial-a-speech and git rid of the human reporters that has been serving as a link between the candidates and the voters. Candidates claims their messages git jumbled from the time it goes to the reporters ears until it comes out their pencils.

Clem put the stopper in the jug, Mister Editor, when he said we can probable come up with a can of concentrated stuff to be used fer instant education or instant pickticking. All we'll have to do, Clem said, is open a can of confusion.

Yours truly,
— Uncle Clarence.

CALIFORNIA SPEAKS

ARMAND VAILLANCOURT, noted sculptor designing S.F. park fountain - "People need something of substance. Artistry is like vitamin to the soul."

HOWARD M. VOLLMER, Menlo Park, on student protest against Stanford Research Institute war-related project - "If academic freedom is an important value in universities, is not a similar kind of research freedom important in non-profit public service-oriented research institutes?"

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SEASON'S GREETINGS



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WITH CANDY canes in hand, committee heads for the "Incense and Peppermints" Christmas Ball make preparations for the December 23 affair. Seated from left are Barbara Burke, co-chairman for decorations, Janet Doyle, chairman for the food committee, Dianne Howell, chairman for guest cards. Standing are Dave Tyrrell, junior boys' representative, Dave Wiley, general chairman, and Dave Gonzales, chairman for clean-up. Not pictured

are Trina Miller, decoration co-chairman and Leland Cox, band chairman. "Incense and Peppermints" will take place at the Monache cafetorium from 9 P.M. to 12:30 A.M. All Porterville and Monache High School students are welcome. Dress is semiformal and boys are requested to wear suits or dinner jackets. The cost is \$2 and tickets may be purchased at student activities windows on both campuses. (Orange & Green photo)

Springville Chamber of Commerce Reelects Officers; Plans Program

SPRINGVILLE - Dick Coon was reelected president of the Springville chamber of commerce Tuesday night, and all other officers were also reelected: Ray Corzine, vice president; Dick Phillips, secretary-treasurer; and directors Roy Hartley, J. B. Gibson, Wes Kutzner, Bill Smiley, Bob Werner, and Paul Martin.

Among projects that the chamber will "bear down on" during the 1969 year are efforts to bring about improvement and growth of the county hospital at

Springville.

More emphasis will be placed on promotion of Springville's recreation country; cooperation with the state highway department will continue in regard to improving highway 190 through the Springville community; and work will continue as in past years toward staging the annual Springville-Sierra rodeo.

Coon also reports that Springville will be ready for arrival of the 1969 Jackass Mail.

My Neighbors



"You name it...we'll protest it..."

We Only Heard

BY BILL RODGERS

SHORT SHOTS: David Richardson, who created "The Lady of the Night" for the Mountain Lion saloon, left this week for Montreux, Switzerland, where he is under contract to do graphic illustrations for the Montreux tourist office and to also design publicity posters for the International Jazz Festival that will be held in Switzerland in June, 1969. Andy Reynolds is retiring as Standard Oil distributor in the Porterville area. Jim McCallister is taking over. Jim looks like a live one, having served on the Woodlake city council and also as president of the Woodlake chamber of commerce and Woodlake Rotary club. Titles have changed a bit at the Porterville State hospital - Dr. Jim Shelton is now medical director and Van Goodman is administrator. Business woman of the year in Porterville for 1968 - Wally Wilson - by a country mile. The Jones boys out at Woodville say their tobacco is ready for a Rodgers' cigar; expect full photo - press coverage when we have a chance to head west. Another Porterville boy who has found his way back after an around-the-world-too-many-times-to-count life, Lincon Martin. Could it be that just

around the New Year corner is the Jackass Mail, the Springville Rodeo, the PAPA Fly-In, the Porterville Rodeo, the Porterville Fair? Yep, guess it could be. Menu in classy L.A. restaurant plugs no beef but eastern beef. How about western beef, John Guthrie? Can't California Cattlemen get on L.A. menus? Probably that eastern beef came from no further east than California anyway. Wayne Robertson, manager of the Tulare county chamber of commerce, isn't saying that USC will lose in the Rose Bowl, but he does allow as how Woody Hayes isn't bringing his boys all the way to California to get beat. Wayne played football at Ohio State back in 1931-32-33. ... OK, Willard Wall, you get equal space. Willard went on from Porterville high to play at USC in 1943-44-45 and he was knocking people down when

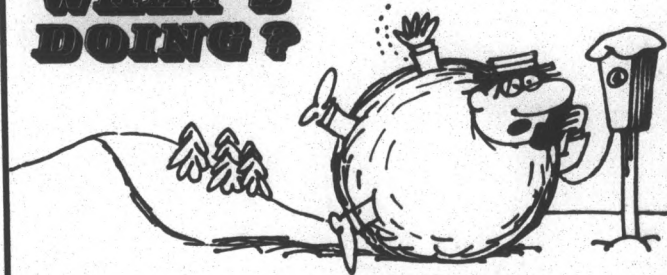
Edison Company Pays Largest Tulare County Tax

VISALIA - Tulare County's largest taxpayer, Southern California Edison company, on December 10 paid \$1,219,022.85 as the first installment of its local property taxes for 1968-69.

The final installment of \$1,219,022.85 will be paid April 10, bringing the total the investor-owned electric utility company is paying in ad valorem taxes in Tulare county alone this year to \$2,438,045.70.

USC beat Tennessee in the Rose Bowl in 1945. In commenting on Wayne's comment, Willard says that if Ohio State has enough guts to show up, USC will not disappoint them.

WHAT'S DOING?



From Daybell Nursery

By John

The next time we see a wild beast we're going to tie it up in the Editor's back yard. We suspect he doesn't believe in Santa Claus or the North Pole or even that we have the finest poinsettia plants in all of Porterville. Well at least the finest anywhere along "E" Street between Olive and Willow. Come to think of it old historian editor how come there are no olives on Olive Ave. and no Willows on Willow?

There are olives and willows on "E" Street along with several other good trees and shrubs to beautify your yard for the Holidays. If you're more interested in decorating your insides we can supply berry plants, asparagus starts, rhubarb roots, blue berry bushes, and horse radish cuttings.

Like all other merchants we do have various items to attract your Christmas dollar. We're sorry about this but we must mention such things as redwood tubs, humming bird feeders, wind bells, tools, flowering plants, various garden ornaments, Sunset garden books, and a lot of other jazz. Parking is easy here with very little traffic and a minimum of confusion. Really a restful place to shop.

We hope all of you have a very pleasant Christmas with much good fellowship and happiness. This might be a good year to forget all the things that "have to be done" and enjoy it for what it is. Best wishes from all of us - DAYBELL NURSERY.

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Why not start your Christmas shopping with a trip to the Yellow Pages. It's fast, easy. I've discovered that the Yellow Pages offer a whole lot of ideas about what to give for Christmas... helps solve many problems in finding gifts, even those unusual ones.

And say, if you're planning a holiday party let your telephone take care of inviting the guests and ordering the refreshments, the decorations or anything else you need.

I'd like to remind you that if you're calling long distance to loved ones this Christmas telephone lines can be overloaded during the holidays. Why not put your calls through before Christmas and avoid possible frustration and delay. It's best to know the area code and the number ahead of time and dial the call yourself. Calling during off hours, like in the afternoon, should put you through more quickly, too. And don't forget: every night, special late night rates from midnight to 7 AM allow you to dial direct station-to-station anywhere outside of California in the continental U.S.A. (except Alaska) for 75¢ or less for the first three minutes. For example, you can call when it's 6:30 AM here and it will be 8:30 AM in Chicago or 9:30 AM in New York.

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BECKY RUBY IS JUNIOR MISS

DINUBA - Becky Ruby, of Fresno, was selected as the 1969 San Joaquin Valley Junior Miss in competition at Dinuba, and will compete for the California Junior Miss title in Garden Grove on January 18. Representing Porterville in the contest - sponsored by the Junior chamber of commerce organizations in each town - was Janice Torrey.

Last Minute

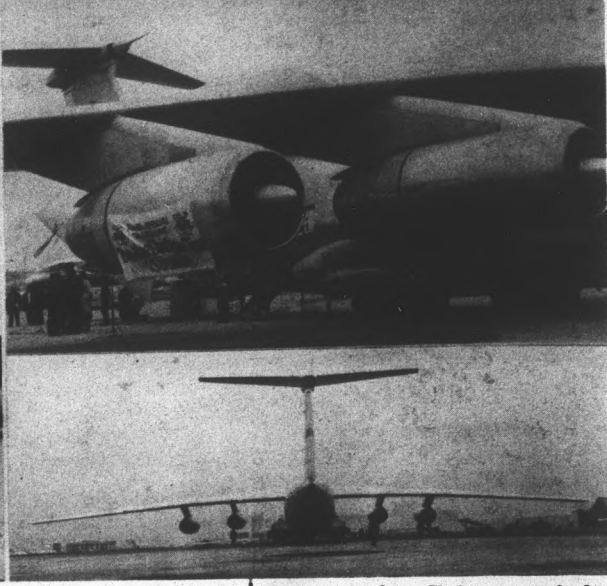
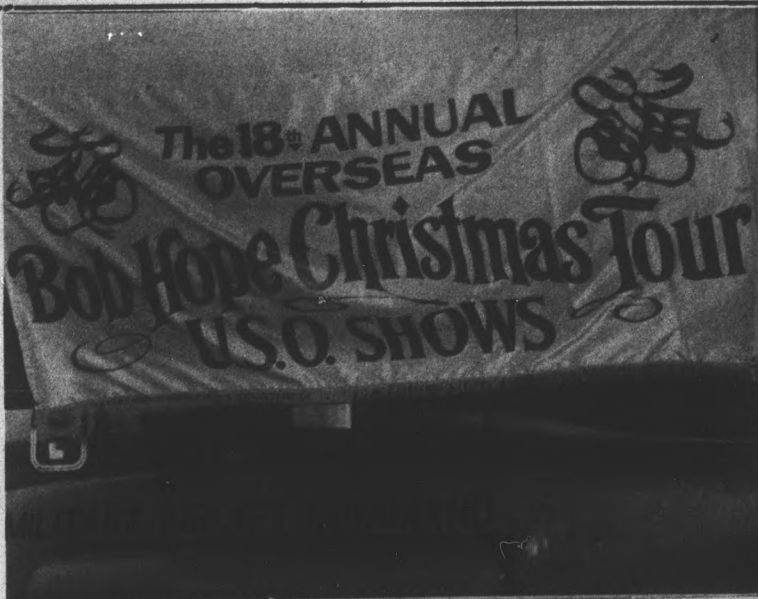
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CHILDREN'S WEAR

41N. MAIN - PORTERVILLE



FARM TRIBUNE camera caught these shots as Porterville's giant Christmas greeting card was put aboard the "Bob Hope Special" last

Saturday for delivery to "our fighting men in Vietnam." Bleachers were constructed for the crowd that gathered at the Los Angeles

International Airport to see Hope and his troupe off; there was music by a military band, by the Kingsmen Drum and Bugle Corps; there was a

load of luggage to get aboard the plane; Loren Schmid and Porterville Mayor Marty Martin cleared out the lumber frame that had held the seven

foot by 24 foot Christmas card after everyone got aboard, then off they go.

Six per cent more cattle and calves were in California feedlot for fattening for slaughter on December 1, 1968, than a year earlier.

Zane G. Smith, 35 has been named Forest Supervisor of the Sierra National forest, succeeding Walter Puhn, who retires January 6.

Better Varieties Throughout Belt

FRESNO - "The recent shift to better cotton varieties in many areas of the belt is of special interest to California growers. These new varieties are offering more competition to our San Joaquin valley cotton. All U.S. cotton has increased competition from synthetics and from fabric imports. These factors make the present cotton price support payments more and more important to California growers," J.G. Stone, president of Western Cotton Growers association, states.

"While I don't think any of these new cottons are as good as our S. J. 1 they are improved, according to U.S.D.A. reports. When the price differential between them and our cotton becomes more pronounced, textile mills may have a greater incentive to substitute the cheaper cotton wherever possible.

"In the last two years there has been a significant increase in cotton planted with a staple length of 1 3/32 inches. The U.S.D.A. reports that almost all of South Carolina is planted in the longer staple varieties. North Carolina and Georgia have two-thirds of their acreage in

them. Over one-half of Alabama's cotton is planted in them. While these varieties are shorter than S.J.1 and do not have its strength, they are better and more saleable than the varieties previously grown in those areas.

"In Mississippi, Arkansas, Texas, and other areas, the shift is also to better and more saleable varieties. All of this points to the fact that the textile mills are demanding more and better cotton and if we don't produce it here in California some other area will. Our growers have been alert to this and for the most part have taken advantage of the provision of the law which gave them the choice of planting above their domestic allotment. Growers in other areas have stayed closer to their 65% or domestic allotment and have not planted the rest," Stone said.

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For Your Christmas Angel

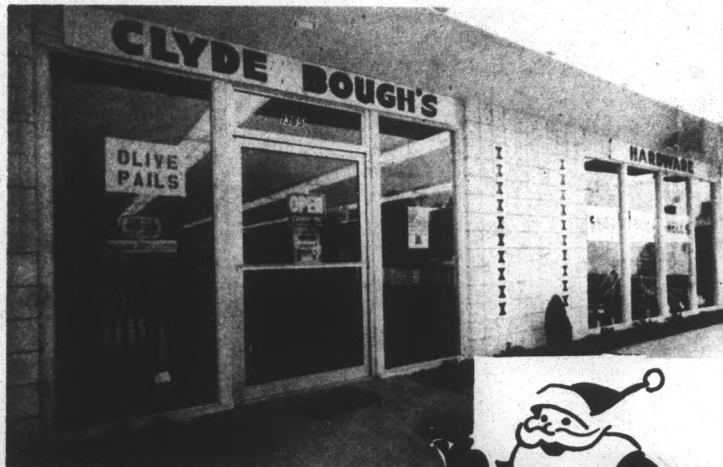


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Synthetic Fibers Sales Increasing

FRESNO - "The trend towards increased sales of domestically produced synthetic fibers, coupled with increased imports of both cotton and synthetic goods is causing much concern among cotton growers. We are hoping for a breakthrough in cotton durable press through the C.P.I. research program," J. G. Stone, president of the Western Cotton Growers Assn., says.

"The competition which the synthetics and imports are giving to U.S. cotton has a double barreled significance for growers. This competition indicates that in order to hold its present markets with the domestic textile mills, cotton must be competitive in price with synthetic fibers. This same competition, which gives the textile mills and manufacturers of cloth articles a bigger choice of fabrics when they feel cotton prices are too high, could result in significant shifts away from cotton, with consequent effects upon price.

"According to trade figures production of polyester staple has increased 30% in eight months. From January to August 1967, polyester blends of cotton averaged 15,900,000 linear yards per week. For the same January-August period in 1968, that production had increased to 20,600,000 linear yards.

"In the last two years polyester staple sales have doubled. Production in 1966 was 385,000,000 lbs. In 1967, it was 563,000,000. In 1968 the trade estimates it will be 750,000,000 lbs.

"Imports of cotton goods have gone up over 50% since 1964. It is estimated that the imports of man-made fiber products for 1968 will be almost four times that of 1964.

"According to figures presented at the recent C.P.I. meeting in Fresno, textile mills could make much more money spinning blends than 100% cotton. In mid-1967 the mill margin on spinning 100% cotton was 18.05¢ per yard of cloth, as compared to 15.36¢ per yard margin for a polyester-cotton blend. By mid-1968, this situation had been reversed and the mill margin for cotton was reduced to 17.68¢ per yard, and that of polyester had been

increased to 22.33¢ per yard.

"All of these factors make our competitive position difficult, in view of the cost-price squeeze. Yet we must be competitive to even hold the markets we now have. The best hope we have in this field is the research and promotion being carried on under the Cotton Producers institute. The breakthrough which it is now pushing for in a better and more competitive durable press is of the greatest importance," Stone states.

Growers Work Cotton Fields As Weather Permits

VISALIA - Cotton growers are working their fields as fast as weather permits either wind up picking or to bring fields into compliance with bollworm control regulations, according to weekly report from Elvin O. Mankins, Tulare county agricultural commissioner.

Mankins says that small grain planting in dryland farming areas is well along, and that grain that is up is showing a good stand.

Navel orange harvest is well underway in all groves, with good quality; pruning of deciduous fruit trees and early

OBEY LAWS, USE GOOD SENSE ON MOTORCYCLES

VISALIA - "Motorcycles provide economical and pleasurable transportation, but there's nothing between the rider and the pavement if an accident occurs," Capt. B. R. Smith of the California Highway Patrol warns.

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variety grape vines is continuing; romaine and lettuce harvest is about complete; some fall potatoes are being harvested; and rangeland grass is coming along very well, with plenty of moisture for continued growth.

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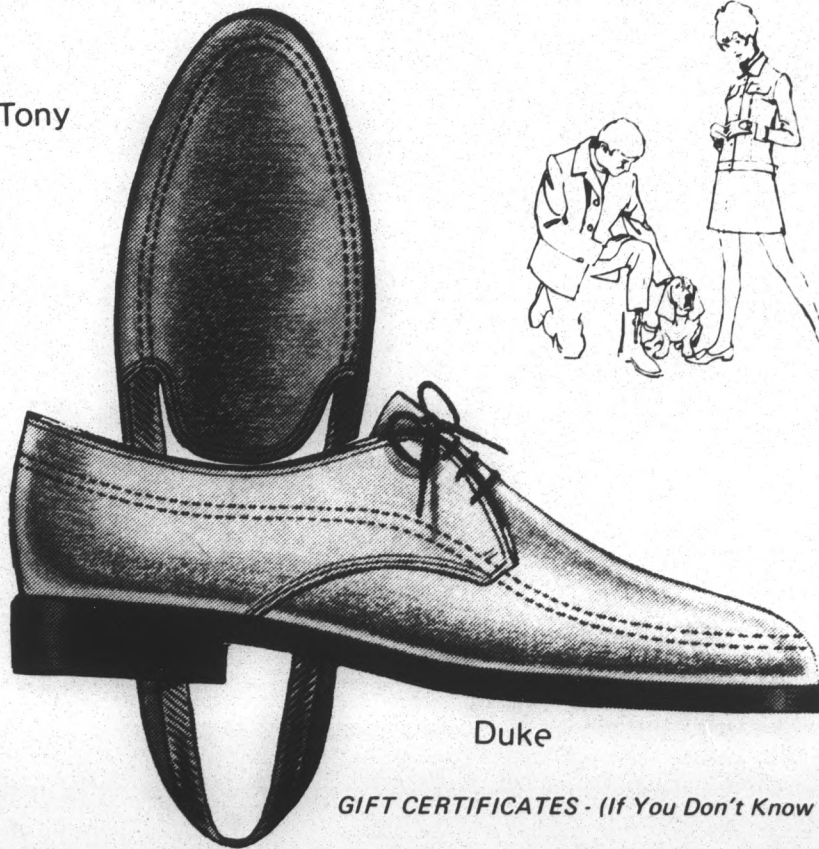
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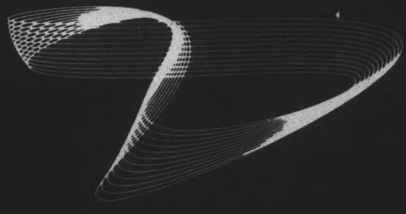
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PORTERVILLE - The Porterville and Monache High Schools' Vocal Music department will present its annual Christmas Concert on Thursday, December 19, at 8:00 p.m. in the Memorial

auditorium.

Title for this year's program is "A Child Is Born" and it will tell the story of the Nativity through use of music, drama, mime, and photography. Music for the presentation has been

selected from carols and songs from many countries.

Five choirs participating will sing such favorites as "Joy to the World," "Carol of the Bells," "Angels We Have Heard On High" as well as many which are not so well known.

There will also be soloists on the program, with Mark Delmarter singing "Birthday of a King," and Gary Garcia singing "Stars Lead Us Ever On." Ray Reising of the Monache High School Music department will narrate the Christmas story.

Head of the Porterville and Monache Vocal Music departments is David Rasmussen; accompanist for the departments is Betty Deaton. Director of the Porterville High Girls glee is John Vaznaian.

Cornell Named To Board Of Finance & Thrift

PORTERVILLE - Edward B. (Ted) Cornell, Porterville businessman and civic leader, has been named to the board of directors of Finance and Thrift company. The announcement was made by J. A. Mosconi, president of the company, following the board's regular December Meeting.

The new director will complete the term of W. S. Allen, who resigned because of illness.

Cornell is currently president of the Porterville Rotary club and chairman of the Porterville Union High School board of trustees. He is a trustee of the Kern Joint Junior College district, which includes Porterville college, and is secretary and a director of the Porterville Memorial district. He is active in the Tulare county and Porterville chambers of commerce, and has served as director and chairman of both groups.

Cornell is a native of Porterville, a life-long resident, and a graduate of Stanford University.

In accepting the resignation of Allen, the board expressed appreciation for his long period of service to Finance and Thrift company. He had been a director for 24 years, and was instrumental in furthering the company's growth and expansion during that time.

Other business of the board included declaration of a fourth quarter dividend of 40 cents per share plus an extra dividend of 50 cents per share. The bonus dividend brings the total paid to



TED CORNELL
(Edwards Studio photo)

SPRINGVILLE 4-H MEMBERS PLAN CAROLING, DANCE

SPRINGVILLE - Members of the Springville 4-H club will go caroling in the Springville community the evening of December 21, starting at 6:30 p.m., then, at 8 p.m., will meet at the Memorial hall for a Christmas dance.

Plans for these events were made at December meeting of the club. At this meeting it was announced that a plaque had been ordered for Mrs. Shirley Mitchell, in recognition for her years of 4-H club work, and members of the club who took a third-place in the county 4-H talent show presented their act.

stockholders during 1968 to \$2.10 per share. Finance and Thrift company is wholly owned and operated in the San Joaquin valley and maintains offices in Porterville, and 18 other valley cities.

CITY POPULATION IS NOW 12,130

PORTERVILLE - City of Porterville moves into the new year with a population of 12,130 persons. Big jump of nearly 2,400 was taken when final approval was recently worked out with state agencies for annexation of the Porterville State hospital.

DR. HIGHLANDER ON NEW COMMITTEE

FRESNO - Dr. John P. Highlander, professor of speech, and television coordinator at Fresno State college, has been named to a special committee to evaluate cultural entertainment programs of national educational television. The group will choose educational TV programs that will be considered for Emmy awards.

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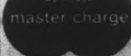
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JACK LETSINGER, Porterville realtor, who will be installed as president of the Orange Belt Board of Realtors in a joint installation ceremony with the Tulare and Visalia boards of realtors, January 4, 1969, during a semi-formal dinner at the Lindsay Memorial building. Serving with Letsinger will be: Jack Wallace, vice president; Vona Baker, secretary-treasurer; Louise Barry and Wes Kutzner, board directors. The installation meeting will start with a hospitality hour at 7 p.m., hosted by Title Insurance and Trust company, Security Title company, and First American Title company; a steak dinner will be served at 8 p.m.; speaker will be Tom Shimasaki, of Lindsay. Letsinger is a former mayor of the City of Porterville; a past president of the Porterville Exchange club, and immediate past exalted ruler of the Porterville Lodge of Elks. (Edwards Studio photo)

Minimum Wage Explained For Women, Youth

PORTERVILLE - Statement concerning minimum wages for women and youth was issued this week from the Porterville Farm Labor office, managed by A.K. Leslie:

"Minimum wages for women of \$1.65 per hour, and for youth of \$1.35 per hour, have been upheld by the courts, retroactive to February 1, 1968.

"Under both Section 976 relating to employer contributions, and Section 984 relating to worker contributions of the Unemployment Insurance Code, the tax attaches on the date the wages are paid. Wage payments should, therefore, be reported in a lump sum amount consisting of both retroactive wage payments and any regular wage payments made in the same quarter.

For example, if a worker was entitled to a retroactive wage payment of \$50.00 covering work performed from February through September, 1968, and had regular wage payments of

Fly-In Is Set For May 3 And 4

PORTERVILLE - Members of the Porterville Area Pilots' association have set the dates for their 1969 Moonlite Flight and Fly-in as May 3 and 4 - considerably earlier than in previous years.

The Fly-in, which annually attracts private pilots and commercial aviation business operators from throughout western states, is one of the big annual events of the Porterville community.

NEW MEMBERS INITIATED INTO VANDALIA 4-H

By Carol Holloway

VANDALIA - The Vandalia 4-H club held its November meeting in the multi-purpose room at Vandalia school. The pledge of allegiance was led by Maureen Hoveden and the 4-H pledge by Glenn Bakalian.

A thank-you letter from Standard Oil company was read by Emmy Lou Weldon for our 1968 Communitie Pride Project.

The program for the meeting was a film shown by Myron Wilcox entitled "That They May Live". Wilcox then gave a talk on mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, heart massage and artificial respiration.

Reports were given on "Individual Improvement" by Nanci Carter; the decorated car by Gary Williams; the skating party by Beverly Smith; 1967 & 1968 Jr. Leader awards by Mrs. Wilbert Scranton, community leader; the Christmas parade and float by Janice Scranton; Jr. Leader conference by John Corkins; "Community Pride" by Bruce Carter.

Reports on the Great Western were given by Richard Bennett on beef; Brent Scranton on swine; and Emmy Lou Weldon on sheep. Project reports were given by Steve Bakalian, Chris Bastian, Nick Bastian, Steve Behunin, Greg Bennett, John Bennett, Pat Bennett and Bill Bennett.

To conclude the meeting, 14 new members were initiated.

\$300 during the period October, November, and December, 1968, the fourth quarter wage report should show the worker's Social Security Account number, name, and a wage amount of \$350.00."

OUR TOWN

By Ruth Loyd

I'm all mixed up this year. I have all my Christmas cards in the mail. As a rule I wait until the day before Christmas, now my schedule is all off.

Please Bill, don't give me any more pencils for Christmas. Even if they have whole erasers. I really don't want them.

I have figured out a way for the police department to get air conditioning in their cars. The men go "en mass" to the council and demand they either have hair dryers or air conditioners installed in their cars. The council will be so shocked that they will install air conditioning instead of hair dryers. I don't know maybe that wouldn't work. I'll think of something else and let you know. I'm good at this type of thing.

So many beautiful Christmas houses in OUR TOWN. The happy neighborhood on Bellevue between Villa and Cottage is so colorful. There are a few hold outs, but most of the houses have lots of lights. Kanai between Villa and Cottage looks solid with lights to me. When you are up on Scenic Heights and look down on OUR TOWN these blocks stand out.

Two of my favorite decorated houses are Federspiel's on Morton, and Spivey's up on Highland Drive. I don't know how much the men of the houses have to do with the decorations, but having artistic wives is great. Jen Federspiel and Merle Spivey have lots of talent, and their houses show it. Some sections in OUR TOWN look very cold while others are very festive.

Martha Vossler has gone back to Beauty School for a refresher, and is now working in Blanche's Beauty service. If you have to sit under a dryer you might as well be among friends.

No Virginia, Max hasn't rescued my poor sweet peas yet. Oh yes, he arrived, but he just stood around looking important, and tramped up and down in his cowboy boots. He found out how long the fence had to be and he disappeared. I wax vituperative just thinking about it. I love that nice long word.

I have learned how to say some new words in Chinese. Now I can say "cigar" and "chicken" I must learn how to smoke cigars so I can use my new word.

Jerry Mainord is one of the wheels in OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT. He rolled up in the big fire truck and nearly gave me heart failure. He was just here to check the house to see if we were nice and neat and not a hazard. He also gave us a nice sticker to put on the phone with emergency numbers on it. I wonder if the Fire Dept. would like to have some air conditioning too. I could start working on that if they want me to.

I was going to send you all a lovely Christmas Card and wish you Merry Christmas, but I found out that the stamps were six cents each. Soooo forget it.

United States commercial apple production for 1968 is estimated at 2,701,500 tons, a little less than last year.

LEGAL NOTICE

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
NOTICE OF HEARING ON THE FIFTEENTH ANNUAL ASSESSMENT OF THE TEA POT DOME WATER DISTRICT.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TEA POT DOME WATER DISTRICT has, pursuant to Section 36552 of the Water Code of the State of California, filed an estimate of the sum required by the District in discharge of all of its obligations, (1) which were then unpaid, and (2) which will materialize during the next year, and (3) which probably will be incurred and mature during the next year, and that Monday, December 30, 1968, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon in the chambers of the Board of Supervisors in the County of Tulare, State of California, has been fixed as the time and place when and where the Board of Supervisors of Tulare County will meet as a Board of Equalization and hear all objections presented to it regarding the correctness of any assessment and all testimony relevant to such objections and continue in session from day to day until all objections and relevant evidence have been heard and acted upon, and that the assessment book of the district is on file with the Clerk of said Board of Supervisors and may be inspected by the public at the office of the Clerk of said Board in said Courthouse at Visalia, California, at any time during business hours until the completion of the hearing.

DATED: This 27th day of November, 1968.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
JAMES E. HOWARD, COUNTY CLERK and ex officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors,
By Carol I. Santos
Deputy Clerk. d12,19

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Superior Court of the State of California
For the County of Tulare
No. 20038

Estate of JAMES RAY GILBERT, also known as James R. Gilbert, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the creditors of the above named decedent that all persons having claims against the said decedent are required to file them, with the necessary vouchers, in the office of the clerk of the above entitled court, or to present them, with the necessary vouchers, to the undersigned at the law offices of Hubler, Burford, Moran & Quirk, 141 East Mill Avenue, Porterville, California 93257, which is the place of business of the undersigned in all matters pertaining to the estate of said decedent, within four months after the first publication of this notice.

Dated December 16, 1968
COLLEEN AUDREY GILBERT, Executrix of the Will of the above named decedent.
Hubler, Burford, Moran & Quirk
Attorneys at Law
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Telephone: (209) 784-5064
Attorneys for Executrix
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON FORMATION OF AGRICULTURAL PRESERVE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application No. 53 has been filed with the Board of Supervisors of the County of Tulare to form an agricultural preserve, pursuant to the Williamson Act (Government Code sections 51200 et seq.), comprising real property of A. James and Millie G. Haskins, Margo A. and T. Joe Willey, in the County of Tulare described as follows:

The North 50 acres of W½ of NW¼ of Sec. 12, T. 21 S., R. 27 E.
The Westerly 50 ft. of NE¼ of NW¼ of Sec. 12, T. 21 S., R. 27 E., and Easterly 115 ft. of Westerly 165 ft. of Northerly 500 ft. of NE¼ of NW¼ of Sec. 12.
The South 30 acres of W½ of NW¼ of Sec. 12, T. 21 S., R. 27 E.

Pursuant to section 51201 of the Government Code, said Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on the proposed formation of said agricultural preserve in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors, in the Tulare County Courthouse, County Civic Center, in the City of Visalia, on Monday, December 23, 1968, commencing at 10:30 A.M.

All persons interested may appear and be heard at said time and place. Dated: December 5, 1968.

By Order of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Tulare.
JAMES E. HOWARD, County Clerk and Ex-officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Tulare, State of California
By Carol I. Santos
Deputy d19

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Superior Court of the State of California
For the County of Tulare
No. 20047

Estate of VIOLA VERNETTE WILES, also known as Vernetta Wiles, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the creditors of the above named decedent that all persons having claims against the said decedent are required to file them, with the necessary vouchers, in the office of the clerk of the above entitled court, or to present them, with the necessary vouchers, to the undersigned at the law offices of Hubler, Burford, Moran & Quirk, 141 East Mill Avenue, Porterville, California 93257, which is the place of business of the undersigned in all matters pertaining to the estate of said decedent, within six months after the first publication of this notice.

Dated November 25, 1968
RAMONA M. CALKINS, Executrix of the Will of the above named decedent.
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Attorneys for Executrix
First publication: December 5, 1968 d5,12,19,26,j2

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Superior Court of the State of California
For the County of Tulare
No. 20035

Estate of CARL BARRY, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the creditors of the above named decedent that all persons having claims against the said decedent are required to file them, with the necessary vouchers, in the office of the clerk of the above entitled court, or to present them, with the necessary vouchers, to the undersigned at the law offices of Hubler, Burford, Moran & Quirk, 141 East Mill Avenue, Porterville, California 93257, which is the place of business of the undersigned in all matters pertaining to the estate of said decedent, within six months after the first publication of this notice.

Dated November 25, 1968
M. LORRAINE BARRY, Executrix of the Will of the above named decedent.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Superior Court of the State of California
For the County of Tulare
No. 20057

Estate of ALBERT J. CASE, also known as A.J. Case, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the creditors of the above named decedent that all persons having claims against the said decedent are required to file them, with the necessary vouchers, in the office of the clerk of the above entitled court, or to present them, with the necessary vouchers, to the undersigned at the law offices of Hubler, Burford, Moran & Quirk, 141 East Mill Avenue, Porterville, California 93257, which is the place of business of the undersigned in all matters pertaining to the estate of said decedent, within four months after the first publication of this notice.

Dated December 16, 1968
BERTHA M. CASE, Executrix of the Will of the above named decedent.
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Attorneys at Law
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NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE UNDER EXECUTION SHERIFF'S SALE
No. 68-1673

Fifteen Associates, Inc. (Assigned to Fred P. Robins, David H. Laughlin & John L. Williamson) Plaintiffs

Lowell Bean and Eulla Bean, Defendants.

Under and by virtue of an Execution issued out of the Superior Court of the County of Tulare, State of California, wherein Fifteen Associates, Inc. (Assigned to Fred P. Robins, David H. Laughlin & John L. Williamson), Plaintiffs, and Lowell Bean and Eulla Bean, Defendants, upon a judgement rendered the 20th day of May A.D. 1966, for the sum of Nine thousand, one hundred, sixty two and 57/100 Dollars lawful money of the United States, besides costs and interest, I did on the seventh day of November 1968, levy upon all the right, title, claim and interest of said Defendants, Lowell Bean and Eulla Bean of, in and to the following Real Estate situated in the County of Tulare, State of California, and described as follows, to-wit:

Lot 14 of Tract 68 in the County of Tulare, State of California as per map recorded in Book 19, page 109 of Maps in the Office of the County Recorder of said County.

Public Notice is Hereby Given, that I will on Thursday the 2nd day of January A.D. 1969, at 10 o'clock A.M. of said day, in and to the Tulare County Sheriff's Office in the City of Visalia, in said County of Tulare, sell at public auction, for lawful money of the United States, all the right, title, claim and interest of said Defendants, Lowell Bean and Eulla Bean of, in and to the above described property, or so much thereof as may be necessary to raise sufficient money to satisfy said judgement, with interest and costs, to the highest and best bidder.

Dated this 4th day of December 1968
BOB WILEY, Sheriff of Tulare County, State of California
By Jimmie Martin
Deputy Sheriff d12,19,26

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Some Words Of Wisdom Concerning Registration Of Vehicles For 1969

PORTERVILLE - Up to half a million California vehicle owners will find that the 1969 registration renewal notices they received from the Department of Motor Vehicles are incorrect. Most will get automatic corrections by December 31, but many won't until they do something about their own records.

Manager Everett Collier, of the Porterville office, offers this explanation: "It takes a month to stuff 12 million renewal notices into envelopes at DMV's Sacramento headquarters - even when it's done by machine. DMV started its annual chore of printing the cards and putting them in envelopes on November 1 and continued the work through almost all of last month.

"Reports of vehicles bought or sold, and name and address changes, which arrive during this time were set aside for completion during December. Corrections are now being processed, and persons who received cards showing pre-November information may

expect corrected cards in the mail by the end of December."

However, Collier cautioned that thousands of incorrectly addressed renewal cards are posted to persons who didn't notify DMV or the Post Office department when they moved. Unless they remedy this oversight themselves they may get no renewal card at all. They still have to register their vehicles by February 4, 1969.

Collier's word of advice to all vehicle owners: "If you haven't received a 1969 renewal notice from DMV by January 15, 1969, wait no longer. Take last year's registration card to your local office and tell the clerk at the window that something's wrong."

JAMES CAMP HEADS FISH AND GAME COMM.

SACRAMENTO - James Y. Camp, of Bakersfield, has been elected president of the California Fish and Game commission for the 1969 year; vice president is C. Rans Pearman, of San Gabriel.

Editorial Comment

(Continued From Page 2)

television sets of U.S. soldiers killed and maimed is real and immediate.

"We have made many mistakes in Vietnam, we keep making so many mistakes. We have not yet developed effective techniques to counter totalitarian takeovers - disguised as 'wars of national liberation.' And it may be that we simply do not have the national temperament and the techniques to do so.

"It may be that we, as a nation are really incapable of waging what President Kennedy in his inaugural address nearly eight years ago called 'the long twilight struggle' on behalf of human freedom around the world.

"History will judge, and history is a harsh judge."

So, the newsman and the politician have spoken:

Ted Kennedy, the politician, voicing the smooth, half-truths that too many American people have been conditioned to want to hear;

Touhy, the newsman, voicing words that too many Americans have been conditioned not to accept, but words that ring with realism.

Gas Company Pays \$239,181

Tax Installment

VISALIA - First installment on a property tax bill of \$478,362 was paid December 10 to Tulare county by Southern California Gas Co.

W. H. Krammes, manager of the gas company's San Joaquin Valley division, said his firm's

initial payment to Tulare County Tax Collector J. A. Janelli amounted to \$239,181.

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California's estimated winter cabbage acreage - 5,500 acres is 11 per cent below last year.

WEED CONFERENCE SET JANUARY 20-22

FRESNO - Twenty-first California Weed conference has been set for the Hacienda motel in Fresno, January 20-22. Arranged by the California Agricultural Extension service, the conference is open to all interested persons.

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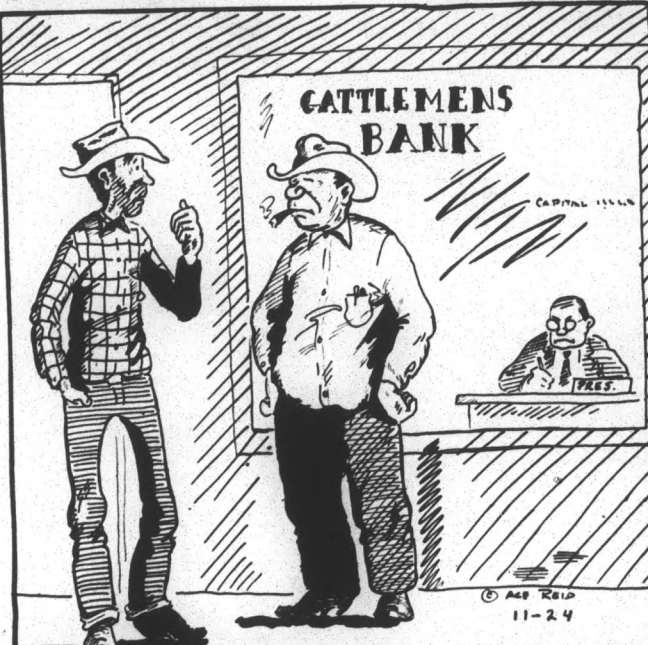
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44 Million Box Orange Crop Now Forecast

SACRAMENTO - The forecast for all California oranges for the 1968-69 season is 44 million boxes according to the California Crop and Livestock Reporting service. This is two and one-fourth times the light production last season and one-third more than the (1962-66) average.

Navel oranges are forecast at 21 million boxes and the first forecast for Valencia oranges is 23 million boxes. California has not produced a crop of this size since the (1952-53) season when 46 million boxes were harvested.

The all-time record crop for California oranges was produced in the (1944-45) season when 60.5 million boxes were picked. The bearing acreage of all oranges for the current season is estimated at 148,870 acres compared with 234,600 acres in the (1944-45) season.

A 15 per cent greater winter celery crop is being predicted for California in 1969 than in 1968.

Estimated California artichoke crop for 1969 is 14 per cent above 1968 production.

Family Account Book Available

VISALIA - "Family Accounts", a book designed to help families manage their income, is available now at the Farm and Home Advisors office in Visalia. The book was designed to help families manage their money to get the greatest return, not just to keep records of spending, according to Mary Ruth Dewey, Tulare County Home advisor. A copy of "Family Accounts" can be obtained at the Farm and Home Advisors office in the Agricultural building in Visalia, or by sending 30¢ (no stamps) with an order to Sheldon N. Jackson, County Civic Center, Agricultural building, Visalia, 93277.

DOUG SCARBROUGH WITH SINGING SERGEANTS

STRATHMORE - Doug Scarbrough, of Strathmore, is now the popular music soloist with the "Singing Sergeants, of the U.S. Air Force, stationed in Washington D.C. Scarbrough appeared in College of the Sequoia productions and on Porterville City of Hope shows.

Cotton Crop Is Above 1967 But Below Average

SACRAMENTO - California's 1968 cotton production was estimated on December 1 at 1,535,000 bales, according to the California Crop and Livestock Reporting service. This is 48 percent more than the 1967 crop of 1,040,000 bales, but is still eight percent less than the 1962-66 average of 1,661,000 bales.

The acreage harvested in 1968 is estimated at 687,000 acres, up 17 percent from the 588,000 acres harvested last year, but five percent below the 5-year average.

The average yield is indicated at 1,072 pounds per acre compared with 847 pounds last year and the 1962-66 average of 1,091 pounds. Ginnings prior to December 1 totaled 1,427,611 bales compared with 956,210 bales ginned to the same date last year.

FAIR BOARD MEETS

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General pattern for the 1969 fair will be discussed, also improvements of facilities and expanding of fair activities.

Serving on the fair board are: A. K. Hodgson, chairman; Bill Rodgers, Bob Board, Chet Gilbert, Robert Bennett, Guido Lombardi, Roscoe Honeycutt, George Carter, Richard Owen, Wilbert Moench, Bob Dusek, Jim Martinez, John Trimmell, Mel Carter, and Dan Mahnke.

65 FREEWAY WILL GET SEAL COAT

SACRAMENTO - Freeway 65, from three and one-half miles north of Terra Bella to the west city limits of Lindsay, will receive a seal coat on top of existing roadway to prevent deterioration and to renovate the highway.

CONCERT MASTER WILL BE HONORED

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Pederson has taken time from his busy schedule to ride with the Jackass Mail, and he has been told that once he started, he invariably reached the end of the run, trumpet in hand, a statement that he categorically does not affirm or deny because of lack of authentic information on the subject.

During his five years along the banks of Porter Slough, Mr. Pederson has been a tireless worker for all things of a cultural nature, and his accomplishments which are too numerous to mention will not be mentioned, except to say that he has been a tireless worker for all things of a cultural nature, and his accomplishments are too numerous to mention, too numerous to mention, too numerous to mention.

Since the December 27 gathering is visualized as including more than a few persons, invitations are not limited to friends of the honoree. Everyone, including lovely ladies, is and are welcome, and those who wish to contribute to the bountiful repast of the evening should feel free to do so.

Time of the aforesaid December 27 gathering has been set from about dark through New Year's eve, or any segment thereof.

During moments of relaxation, Mr. Pederson has served as manager of the city of Porterville. He is leaving pronto to become administrator of the city of Montebello, which is bigger than Porter's Place and pays more.

Porterville received \$4,768.57 during the month of November from cigarette tax.

FFA TEAMS WIN AT FRESNO

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teams won half of the ribbons and all of the trophies presented.

In a team competition, the high individual in the contest was Rick Hudson who was second individual in oranges, lemons, and citrus nursery trees, and fourth in grapefruit.

Ron Ramos, the second high individual in the contest was first in grapefruit, fourth in oranges, and fifth in lemons.

Alan Cranmore, the third member of the team, was the fourth high individual, placing first in oranges and fourth in citrus trees.

This team beat the second high team by 108 points with Mt. Whitney, Redwood, Lindsay, and Dinuba following in that order.

In B team competition, open to first year members only, a team from Monache High school won its first competition. High member on the team was Craig Nieblas who was first individual in oranges, fourth in lemons and in trees, and second high individual in the contest. Dale Noble placed second in oranges and fifth in trees. The third member of the winning team was Bob Benson.

From the Porterville B team, Bill Martin was the first high individual in the contest and placed first in trees and second in lemons. The third high individual in the contest was Ruben Silva who placed third in grapefruit and fourth in oranges.

Rod Homer is the team coach for all of Porterville's citrus judging teams.

California winter carrot acreage will be 10 per cent below last year.

Lettuce harvest is active in the Blythe district and in Riverside county.

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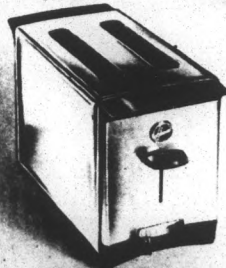
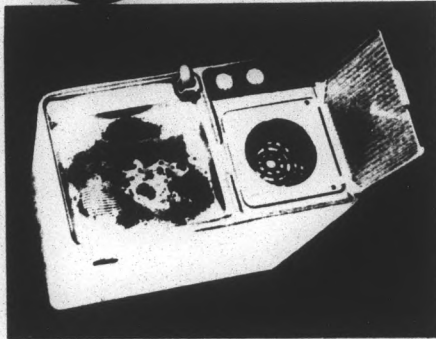
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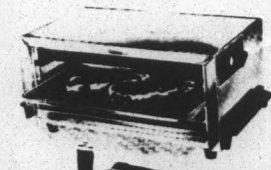
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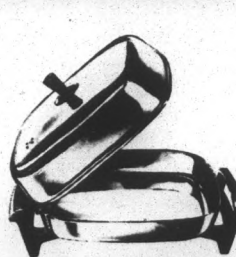


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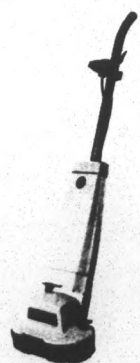
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